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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NE Division

25X1A9A SUBJECT : Reimbursement of Excess Shipping Charges -
[redacted]

25X1A9A 1. I have approved the payment of \$2,500.00 representing a major portion of the charges resulting from the overweight shipment of household effects made by Mr. [redacted]. Approval of this claim constitutes acceptance by the Agency of primary responsibility for these costs. However, there is a residual responsibility which cannot be transferred to the Agency. An equitable resolution then requires that Mr. [redacted] share a portion of the cost for the overweight shipment. It is not intended that approval of this claim be considered as a precedent for processing similar claims in the future.

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25X1A9A 2. Under normal circumstances, an employee authorized to ship personal effects at Government expense and charged with responsibility for making the arrangements for shipment, has no recourse against the Agency for an overweight shipment. The requirement to combine quasi-personal and personal effects is recognized as a mitigating factor. Also, it is not clear that Mr. [redacted] was given adequate briefing and instruction by the Agency concerning his responsibilities. Moreover, there is no evidence presented to indicate that Mr. [redacted] did not act in good faith. Yet Mr. [redacted] was responsible for making appropriate arrangements for the shipment and for insuring that the weights were kept within prescribed limits. Mr. [redacted] ascribes the entire responsibility for the overweight to faulty packing by the moving company but he does not explain why he took no action to stop payment to the moving company when he determined that the shipments were overweight due to faulty packing.

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